

SEEK TO SOFTEN PROVISIONS

DRASTIC FEATURES OF LIQUOR BILL SHARPLY ATTACKED

HATCHETT PLEADS FOR MODERATION

Senate Concurs in House Amendments to "Jim Crow Measure"

In the senate this afternoon Chairman Stafford, of the committee on negroes, read the report of his committee which was adopted.

Chairman Morris reported as to salaries of clerks, etc., ranging from \$2 to \$6 per day.

Accept Jim Crow Amendments.

The senate went into the committee of the whole to resume consideration of Bill No. 61, but Johnson asked the privilege of considering house amendments to Senate Bill No. 1, (Jim Crow), the amendment being to comply with constitutional definition of white person—all who are not of African descent—and the amendment forbidding negroes of African descent to ride with their employees.

Only Two Votes in Negative.

Agree was in a committee meeting when the roll was called for final passage of the bill and refused to vote until Graham, author of the bill, assured him he had made the motion to concur in the amendment. All members voted aye on the bill except Brown and Cunningham. Stanford absent, coming in immediately after vote was announced.

Billings' Boozie Bill Up Again.

When consideration of Billings' liquor bill was resumed, Stanford scored the clause declaring a man guilty of crime because he was drunk. Dr. Johnson coincided with Stanford, and said that the clause was infirm.

Riddle moved to table Stanford's amendment, the motion prevailing. Stanford moved to strike out the clause permitting an officer to go to a man's home and arrest him, declaring that the clause was unconstitutional. Stanford's motion prevailed.

Hatchett pleaded for moderation. Hatchett said that if every member of the senate were placed in jail for having at some time been drunk, he feared there would be no quorum, and thought there should be moderation in passing all laws.

Brazell supported Hatchett, asking the fathers of the bill to have some reason, declaring that some fanatic had dictated the clause under consideration.

Holman introduced a substitute to correct an error, but Hatchett accepted Holman's idea of change, and

the same was incorporated in the amendment.

LEGALLY DEAD, BUT STILL ALIVE

New York, Dec. 18.—To be legally declared dead, unrecognized and mourned by his relatives as dead, and in turn legally declared alive in the case of Charles Werner, who ran away twenty-three years ago from his home in Brooklyn, which fourteen years old, just came back to his old home.

Werner, since has become a wealthy ranchman near Abbe, Okla., but learned that a fortune was left him by an uncle in Germany. Notwithstanding the fact that he was legally declared dead, steps will be taken to have him declared legally alive, and his share will be paid him.

The return of Mr. Werner was celebrated by seventy-five relatives gathered at a younger brother's home at No. 412 112 Fifth street, Flat-bush.

For the last five years Mr. Werner endeavored to find some of his family by means of the police, Salvation army and also neighbors in Williamsburgh, Brooklyn. But all letters were returned to him unopened and he almost gave up of ever meeting members of his family.

"New York has changed a lot," he said. "I was dumbfounded at the tall buildings and when folks told me that you could ride in cars under the East river, where I used to go swimming I nearly lost my strength."

According to Mr. Werner they lived at Broadway and Ninth street, Williamsburgh. His family was in modest circumstances, his father was a machinist. His desire to go West came with seeing Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, who was playing in Brooklyn at the time. Young Werner and another boy, William Meyer, son of a shoemaker, ran away from their homes.

An Erie freight train brought them about one hundred miles from New York only to be arrested; but the boys escaped by some ruse and walked over the mountains.

Through snow and sleet, at Pittsburgh they worked their way to Cincinnati. The Meyer boy employed on a steamboat bound for New Orleans as dishwasher, and young Werner concealed himself in a heap of rope made his journey to New Orleans.

His meals were smuggled to him by his companion and a negro friend.

At New Orleans they separated. Werner traveled to Galveston and then he went through Texas towards the plains. He lived among Indians and cowboys for fifteen years.

Werner will return to his wife and four children in a week hence.

CORPORATION ATTORNEYS HELD FOR FEES

(By Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—An important ruling was made today by Judge Lowe in a case in which the Rock Island was interested. Attorneys for the road asked for a continuance until the next term of court, Judge Lowe granted the continuance, but informed the attorneys they would be held responsible for the fees of all the witnesses who had been called here. The effect of this ruling will be to wake up the railroads.

Burglar Was Lucky.

A Frank Law woke last night to find a masked burglar crawling into his bedroom. The man escaped. Nothing was taken and Law is busy today telling his friends about his hold stunt.

Guarantee Bank Deposits.

This is perhaps as important a measure as will likely come up during the session and has attracted much attention over the entire country. It provides for the establishment of a guaranty fund for the protection of depositors, and for regulating banks and banking. This is the first attempt at legislation of this kind.

Herd Law Suspension.

House Bill No. 191, permitting suspension of the herd law in certain cases, was placed on its third reading and final passage. On roll call the vote was 102 ayes, 102 noes, 2 absent.

Banking Bill is Passed.

The house resolved itself into the committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the separate catch law. After a brief session the committee rose and the Williams-Roddie banking bill was placed on its third reading and final passage. On roll call the vote was ayes, 102; noes, 2; absent, 5.

After the vote was announced.

Speaker Murray said: "The joint committee on enrolled

JUDGE GARBER UPHOLD

SUPREME COURT GIVES OPINION IN RECEIVER-SHIP CASE

INVOLVES VALUABLE PROPERTY NEAR END

Argument in "Soft Drink" Test Case Continued Until January 8

In an opinion by Associate Justice Hayes the supreme court today sustained Judge Garber, judge of the district court of Garfield county, in declaring a receiver in the land case of Myrtle Gillette vs. J. Romig and Daniel W. Harding, which involves property valued at \$75,000. This decision leaves B. F. Hollington, the receiver, in possession of the land, instead of Daniel W. Harding who filed suit in the supreme court last fall against Judge Garber, alleging that he was without jurisdiction under the mandate of the supreme court of the United States. "The supreme court holds that Judge Garber did have jurisdiction."

The case is well known in Oklahoma court circles, having been in litigation since 1897 and has been to the supreme court of the United States twice and where it now is for final decision by that body. The case involves the foreclosure of a mortgage on an 80 acre farm adjoining the city of Enid, which though not worth much at the time the litigation began is now worth \$75,000. Myrtle Gillette is the plaintiff in the case and Daniel Harding, who purchased the mortgage held by J. Romig, is defendant. Before Judge Garber appointed a receiver Daniel Harding had possession of the land and secured the rentals each year, which made him a nice income.

Will Define "Soft Drinks."

The habeas corpus case of H. J. Williams, a former saloon keeper of Shawnee, who was placed in jail on the charge of selling Rochester beer, which was not for oral argument today before the supreme court, was continued until January 8th. This is a test case and will determine what will constitute a "soft drink" in the new state, the plaintiff contending that the beer contained less than two per cent of alcohol. The saloon men over the state are anxiously watching the outcome of the case.

Writ of Mandamus Denied.

The supreme court in an oral opinion this morning handed down a decision in the case of J. M. Haley vs. C. G. Frost and E. H. Powell, denying a writ to compel Judge Clark of Oklahoma county district court to re-instate his restraining order. The case involved a lease contract. The plaintiff owned a building in Oklahoma city and rented it to defendants for a period of two years, for saloon purposes only. When prohibition came the defendants remodelled the building and installed a moving picture show. The plaintiff secured a restraining order from Judge Clark, but when the case came to trial the court dissolved the order.

TODAY IN THE DEPARTMENTS.

Notary Commissions.

The following notary commissions were issued from the office of the secretary of state this morning:

W. M. Nelson, of Muskogee, for Muskogee county.

W. L. Russell, of Kamellie, for Kiowa county.

Al. Everett, of Holdenville, for Hughes county.

John A. Hasty, of Euclid, for Murray county.

Clarence Walters, of Muskogee, for Muskogee county.

A. V. Howe, of Nowalla, for Cleveland county.

Governor Has Signed Three Bills.

Governor Haskell has signed three bills which have been signed by the legislature. The first bill signed was House bill No. 7, which authorizes the school fund commission to draw the \$5,000,000 school fund. The other bills were the Roddie-Williams banking measure and the \$100,000 appropriation bill for the legislature which were signed last night.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS TO PLAY OFF TIE

What promises to be one of the best played football games of the season will be the 4:30 tomorrow afternoon at Electric park when the senior and junior teams of the Logan county high school will contest for supremacy. The Logan county team is made up principally of juniors and seniors. The team was successful this season

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Fair tonight and Thursday.

In defeating all comers with the exception of one.

The seniors and juniors played an exhibition game last month which resulted in a tie, neither side being able to score. It perhaps, was the best game of football ever played on the local campus.

Tomorrow's game is to play off the tie. The seniors have the best of the seniors on defense work as they have better line men and some very good runners.

Intense rivalry prevails between the two teams and it will be a hard fought game. Two cents admission will be charged to cover the expenses of the game. The positions follow:

Seniors	Position	Juniors
Penney	Center	Romack-Haterbusch
Brill	Right Guard	Ray
Paul	Right Tackle	Boyd
O'Connor	Right End	Iwin
J. Brill	Left Guard	Hall
Cockrum	Left Tackle	Hinkett
Underwood	Left End	Anderson
Dyer	Right Half	Traland
Frary	Left Half	Astell
Hinshaw	Full Back	McBeck
Danney	Quarter Back	Gregory
Sale-Senior	Half Back	Weinberger
Walton	Junior	Jackson, Miller and Hunt



United States Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, who has been elected minority leader in the upper house of congress. Mr. Culberson is prominently associated with Democratic politics throughout the nation and has even been prominently mentioned as very good presidential timber.

JURY FINDS RAILROAD OFFICIAL, GUILTY

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 18.—Alfred H. Smith, vice president of the New York Central Railroad company, was arrested today on a charge of manslaughter brought in connection with the wreck of the Brewster express at Woodbury last February in which twenty-four persons were killed. Justice Kellogg directed the verdict.

BREWERS GIVE PLEDGE

NOT TO SELL BEER TO VIOLATORS OF LIQUOR LAW

CLUBS ARE INCLUDED

Excise Commissioner Written Promise to St. Louis

(By Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—Excise Commissioner McMillin announced today that every brewery in St. Louis and East St. Louis, together with four leading breweries of other cities having depots here, have formally made written pledge to him that they will not sell beer or other supplies to any saloon or club which he places on a blacklist with which he will furnish the managers. The blacklist will comprise the names of saloons and clubs that violate the liquor law.

LARGE REVENUE PRODUCERS

DEPARTMENTS WHICH WILL TURN THOUSANDS INTO TREASURY

INSURANCE OFFICE WILL HAVE BIG SURPLUS

Likewise Secretary of State and Oil and Mine Inspector

The state insurance department will eventually become the big revenue producer of the state. This statement may seem amazing at first as heretofore under the territorial form of government the secretary's office was the source from which the big revenue was forthcoming. It is true that the fees of the secretary of state's office have increased somewhat since statehood and that more charters and notary applications are being issued in a day than were formerly issued in a week. The average amount of revenue derived from the territorial secretary's office yearly was about \$15,000, with about \$5,000 per year from the insurance department. The estimated revenue from the secretary of state for next year is over \$30,000.

C. J. Stark, assistant insurance commissioner, states that a conservative estimate of the revenue of that department in the next year is \$150,000. The Oklahoma constitution has fixed some of the fees to be charged by the insurance office. Under the territorial regime the license fee charged for agents was \$2 per year, which was not enforced. The constitution raised this fee to 50 per cent, which will mean about \$30,000 annually to the department.

Heretofore no admission fee was charged foreign or any companies who were admitted to do business within the state. For such admission the insurance commissioner can charge from \$50 to \$200 for each application, according to the character of the company. This will be a big revenue producer for the department.

The biggest revenue the department will have through the two per cent tax on premiums of all foreign companies doing business within the state, which is authorized under the constitution, which will bring in from \$50,000 to \$75,000 annually to the department. The insurance department requires much less clerical force than the office of secretary of state and a greater proportion of the revenue of the former department will be turned over to the state treasury than any other state office.

The office of state oil and mine inspector will also bring much revenue to the department. The insurance department requires much less clerical force than the office of secretary of state and a greater proportion of the revenue of the former department will be turned over to the state treasury than any other state office.

GOODBYE, "BUCK"

(By Associated Press.)

Alexandria, Ill., Dec. 18.—W. H. Richardson, familiarly known as "Buck" Richardson, formerly treasurer and secretary of the state of Illinois, died at his home here this morning from paralysis. He was a conspicuous figure in Illinois politics for many years.

HEARD BY MARCONI.

(By Associated Press.)

Sable Island, N. S. Dec. 18.—The steamer President Grant was in communication with the Atlantic station when thirty miles southeast this morning. She will dock at New York Friday afternoon. Secretary Taft is on board.

COMMISSION WANTS MORE INFORMATION

The corporation commission today issued an order to all railroads and street car companies operating within the state to file with the commission before February 1st a statement covering the number of miles of track each has in operation, the number of miles of switch trackage operative, the cash value per mile of the same, the gross earnings of the company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, and also the net earnings, which are

to be separated as to freight and passenger accounts.

The order lowering the freight rate on lumber will be officially issued this evening.

Among the provisions in the order is the rate for post and cord wood which will be placed at lumber. Another feature is a plan which makes it compulsory for railroads to transport a car load of building material at the same rate charged for a car of lumber.

This order when it goes into effect will enable the farmer who has a railroad siding on his place to buy the material for building, have it loaded into one car and sent to his home at the same rate it would cost on a car of lumber.

Col. A. P. Watson has been selected as "field man" for the commission and he will travel about the state looking for trouble when the statute is put into effect with the numerous volume of business. He has on hand. He is busy preparing an order for the reduction of freight rates on grain and have similar to the reduction made in the lumber rate.

JUDGES ARE DENIED PRIVATE PRACTICE

Attorney General Chas. West this morning rendered an opinion holding that no person shall practice as an attorney or counselor at law in any court in the state who holds a commission as judge of any court of record.

The opinion was rendered in reply to an inquiry from one of the district judges in eastern Oklahoma.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature, which, if passed, will bar all county attorneys from appearing as private counsel.

An opinion was given out from the attorney general's office this morning holding that bonding companies are not authorized to transact business in the state until they have complied with article 4 and 15, of chapter 15, of the 1906 session laws.

Assistant Attorney General Spillman this morning gave an opinion to Governor Haskell holding that under the present laws the governor has the power to grant after conviction, reprieve, pardon and pardons, as under the Oklahoma statutes and that under the constitution the pardoning power of the governor has been enlarged in the case of treason and only excepts cases of impeachment.

BRYAN CLUB WILL ORGANIZE TONIGHT

The young men employed in the legislature and in the state offices, together with the young Democrats of the capital city, will meet tonight in the state house for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Democratic club. Much interest is being taken in the movement and the young men at the head of the movement believe that it will become one of the most potent organizations in the city. The club will take part in the "Bryan Day" exercises here Saturday. A cordial invitation is extended to all young Democrats in the city to attend the meeting tonight.

FAMOUS SHOWMAN DEAD.

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., Dec. 18.—Gus Ringling, head of the circus combining that which controls the shows of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey and Foremost-Sells, died at a sanatorium here today.

Opinion Affects Notaries.

Attorney General Chas. West last evening gave an opinion holding that a person could not lawfully hold a notary commission for any other county except the one in which he resides.

"GOOD BYE==BE A GOOD BOY"

Youngful Suicide Ticks Message to Chum While Watching Life Slowly Ebb Away.

J. M. Lake, a prominent contractor of Kingfisher, was in Guthrie last night, accompanied by Dr. A. L. Shure, a Kingfisher physician, on his way to Jones City, Oklahoma county, to claim the body of his young son, a railroad telegraph operator, who committed suicide in such a sensational manner.

From time to time taking a dose of poison with a pistol in his hand, ready for use in his determined effort to destroy himself, in the event the drug should fail to do its work, Irving Wells, telegraph operator, sat at his home in the little Rock Island hotel at Jones City and wrote his farewell message to the world.

Twice he was interrupted, once when a boy brought his evening meal. The boy saw by the pale, drawn face of the dying man that aid should be quickly summoned.

"I'll get a doctor for you," said the boy.

"If you send a doctor here, I'll shoot him," said Wells.

The boy badly frightened, departed and Wells resumed his writing.

A few moments later Dr. Wells appeared at the window of the little hotel. Wells grabbed a revolver and sent a bullet crashing through the pane. The physician ran and again

WANTS TO EXPEDITE LEGISLATION

SPEAKER GIVES WORD OF ADVICE TO COMMITTEES

LISTEN CAREFULLY BUT DON'T TALK BACK

When Interested Persons Apply for Hearing on Pending Measure

"I hope the chairmen of the various committees will not attempt to make a report in one day." So spoke Speaker Murray after the house had opened for business today.

"Don't discuss measures in your committee rooms with people interested in the bills. Give them a respectful hearing, but then discuss them and then proceed with your discussion in private. Otherwise your report will be delayed indefinitely. Ask the legal advisory committee when you are in doubt as to the law or any question. By all means get full information before you report. We want no more of this stop gun legislation than is made necessary by emergency cases."

To Protect Quail.

The Farmers union, of Hobart, believing that the quail is a great destroyer of both wild and tame crops, presented a resolution asking right protection of "Bob White" for a period of ten years.

The speaker presented a resolution from the Anti-Horse Thief association of Mill Creek.

Another protest was read against the bill prohibiting county attorneys from acting in civil suits except as counsel for the county, and also against creating the office of district attorney.

For School Fund Loans.

House Bill No. 8, by Vandeventer, providing for the loan and investment of the permanent school fund, was returned by the senate with amendments. For amendment of these the house went into the committee of the whole, then Harrison in the chair.

Section 2 of the bill provides for the securities in which the school funds shall be invested, as ordained in the constitution. No rate of interest is specified in the constitution, but the Vandeventer bill states that "the net interest on said loans shall not exceed six per cent."

The house agreed to striking out the word "net," and the clause read: "The interest on said loans shall not exceed six per cent per annum."

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Jews ORDERED TO MOVE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Vladivostok declares that the Jews have been ordered to depart from there within four days. Jewish property holders, however, are given fifteen days in which to liquidate.

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